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Kwame Nkrumah, the former President of Ghana, established the Kwame Nkrumah Ideological Institute at Winneba, Ghana (commonly called the Winneba Institute) some forty miles from Accra. This school purported to give university level instruction in Marxist-Leninist studies and was established primarily for training Ghanaians, though a few non-Ghanaian Africans were admitted on scholarships. Its student body was composed primarily of members of Nkrumah's political party, members of the Ghanaian Civil Service (accommodated in in-service educational programs) and members of the Ghanaian diplomatic corps. This latter group, along with Cabinet Ministers, was subjected to compulsory short courses at the Institute. The available information indicates that no United States citizen was enrolled in any of the courses given at the Winneba Institute and no courses in sabotage or guerrilla warfare were included in the Institute's course of study.

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The Winneba Institute faculty included primarily Soviet, Eastern European and Ghanaian nationals but one American citizen did teach there.

He allegedly went to Ghana on the invitation of Julian Mayfield, an American Negro writer then living in Ghana (who is further described below), and had attended the University of California at Los Angeles.

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The University of Ghana located in Legon, some ten miles from Accra and commonly known as Legon University, is a bona fide, reputable university of the front rank. A number of Americans have taught there and some have been enrolled there from time to time in specialized faculties such as the School of African Studies. Most were bona fide scholars of good reputation.

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During the Nkrumah regime, a number of United States citizens who had been involved in some degree with the Communist Party of the United States, its various front organizations or with racist organizations such as the Nation of Islam were resident in Ghana or visited there. Most left Ghana after the coup d'etat which overthrew Nkrumah, and most appear to have remained abroad. Among those who have returned to the United States are:

Julian Hudson Mayfield, born 6 June 1928 in Greer, South Carolina. Mayfield and his wife, Ana Livia Cordero Mayfield went to Ghana in 1961. Mayfield was employed as a writer by the Ghana Government and was slated to become editor of a new magazine called "African Economic Review" to

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be published by the Nkrumah regime. Mayfield wrote for the Ghana press using the nom de plume "Deschando." Mayfield was not in Ghana at the time of the 1966 coup, and did not return after the coup. He went to Spain instead. Mayfield has now returned to the United States and is living in Washington, D. C.

Ana Livia Cordero Mayfield, born 4 July 1931 in Santurce, Puerto Rico, is a physician and was employed by the Ghana Academy of Science. She presented herself in Ghana as a representative of the Puerto Rican Independence Movement.

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